

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1904.

## The Jarvie Memorial Library.

## TO THE PUBLIC:

I have been frequently asked of late why the library, with its liberal endowment, needs to appeal to the public for assistance, as it appears to be doing by means of the Banner-Kronold concerts. We are not asking for assistance. We are offering in these concerts the full value of the \$1.50 asked for a course ticket. Incidentally, if we can make something out of the concert course we shall be very much pleased. As for the library itself, the price of membership is so low (\$1 a year) as to be easily within the reach of all, though many do not "reach" for it. With its free reading rooms and nominal membership fee, it is practically a "free library." It is just because the fee is so low that our income falls to meet expenses. Rather than advance the membership fee to a figure that might be burdensome to some, we prefer to try to augment our income by means of these concerts. Whether the experiment is a success or failure depends on the appetite of the public for first-class music. Perhaps a word of explanation in regard to the library's endowment fund would be appropriate. In studying the reports of the various libraries Mr. Jarvie was impressed by the fact that in many cases the expenses greatly exceeded the sum allowed for purchase of books. He therefore very wisely stipulated in the "deed of gift" that the income from the "Mary Jarvie endowment fund" should be used only for the payment of the librarian's salary and the purchase of new books. By reason of this provision we are able to employ a first-class librarian and always have money on hand for the purchase of new books. To meet the current expenses we must rely entirely on membership fees and fines; these sources of income are, as yet, insufficient for the purpose. Hence our endeavor to entertain the musical people of Bloomfield and at the same time reduce our annual deficiency. Yours truly, JOHN NEWTON, Treas. Jarvie Memorial Library.

**What Watessing Library is Doing.**  
In its retired corner of Bloomfield and the closely neighboring district of East Orange the Watessing Free Public Library is carrying on a work that lies outside the field of the Carnegie and Jarvie Memorial Libraries. That such a work is needed there is proved by the fact that for several years past the circulation of the library has been close upon 4,000 volumes, and one year passed well beyond that number. Not do these figures represent the whole, perhaps not the most important part, of the work accomplished. The reading room is open every evening, and there may be seen the pleasant sight of boys and girls among the older readers searching in the reference room for material for tomorrow's school work, or absorbed over the shelves of well-selected juvenile books, of which the library makes a specialty.

During the past year many new books have been placed on the shelves, the selections being largely regulated by the requests of patrons of the library, of which the librarian keeps an account. Here, as elsewhere, fiction is the most popular; but poetry, nature study, history and travel find many readers. The vicinity of large electrical works creates a demand for up-to-date books on electricity and mechanics, with which the library is amply supplied.

The library has no source of income save the voluntary contributions of its friends, of whom a number subscribe \$3 or more annually; but the amount raised in this way is insufficient to cover even the ordinary running expenses, and the addition of books becomes a matter of special effort or donation. The management would be glad to arouse a wider interest in the library and secure more liberal support for an educational work that is of value to the whole community.

**Park M. E. Church.**  
At the Park M. E. Church on Sunday morning there will be baptism and the reception of members and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the evening Mrs. H. Wilkinson of New York will speak. This lady is a talented speaker and all who attend will be delighted to hear her.

## Local Politics.

Local political matters are assuming definite shape in some of the election districts of the town. In the Second Ward it appears to be practically settled that Councilman James M. Walker will be a candidate to succeed himself; whether or not Mr. Walker will be the Republican candidate has not been determined. He was elected as an Independent two years ago. There is a possibility of three tickets in the Second Ward, Republican, Independent and Democratic. First Ward candidates are not yet determined upon.

In the First District of the Third Ward Charles W. Powers is a candidate for the Republican nomination, and an effort is being made to induce Charles R. Underwood to contest with Mr. Powers for the nomination. Former Councilman Frank N. Unangst has announced his intention of being a candidate on the Citizens' ticket in the Third Ward.

For Councilman-at-Large an effort is being made to induce Charles F. Kocher of the Second District of the First Ward to stand for the nomination.

There is some interest manifested as to the course M. N. Higgins, the Third Ward (Second District) Democratic leader may pursue this spring. Mr. Higgins is reported as not over enthusiastic in the First District candidates thus far named, and may put a third ticket in the field. Such a course will be likely to play havoc with the large Watessing vote.

## Senate Bill 110.

The West Orange Town Council, at a meeting Tuesday night, discussed bill No. 110, known as the codification bill. The Chairman of the Council appointed a committee to go to Trenton and try and secure some changes in the bill. The bill was discussed in a desultory way, both at the meeting and on the floor after adjournment, and the general attitude of the Councilmen seemed to be unfavorable to its passage.

Mr. Robinson remarked that he did not think the town needed the measure, and perhaps it would not be necessary to do anything about it, for it might die an easy death. Later he said the bill reminded him of an attempt to kill a mouse with an axe.

Mr. Gannon declared the bill would interfere with the laying of additional flag walks in the town, and on his suggestion a request will be sent to Assemblyman Colby to look out for that feature.

The general consensus of opinion of both Councilmen and citizens was that the measure was of no use to the town. Many declared that it provided for many "expensive luxuries," including a Mayor, Excise Board and a Board of Fire Commissioners. The establishment of these new offices would be sure, it was said, to result in added expense to the town, and the benefits to be derived by the changes were not easy to see.

## Death of Calla Rissler.

The family of George A. Rissler, No. 56 Willow street, met with a sad affliction during the past week in the death of their eleven-year-old daughter Calla Rissler. She was a pupil in Prospect Street School, and her teachers in that school unite in the following tribute to her memory:

"We never realize human mortality so poignantly and with such profound regret as when death in all its mysteriousness takes from among us one who was still in that beautiful period of life, that time when the highway of existence is one of pure joy and innocence—the age of childhood; and while we submit to an All-wise Providence, we feel that the world could ill spare Calla Rissler. Gifted with rare qualities of mind and soul, she gave promise of a brilliant, useful future. Her very presence in the class-room was an inspiration to strive for that high standard of conduct and scholarship which she so ably exhibited. Our faithful little friend has gone from us, but the unseen influences of her noble, generous heart will live forever in the lives of those with which she held daily communion, and some day we shall understand this untimely loss, which now seems to us so irreparable."

## Social Dance.

A dance was given at Central Hall Monday night. The patronesses of the affair were Mrs. Thomas Oakes, Mrs. Samuel W. Duffield, Mrs. William H. White, Mrs. E. W. Sutton, and Mrs. John Newton. The hall was tastefully decorated with Southern amilax and palms. The stage was set to represent an Oriental interior and afforded an excellent point from which to view the festivities. Music was furnished by a string orchestra.

Mrs. Oakes wore a gown of cream lace, and Mrs. Duffield was attired in gray voile. Mrs. White wore black lace trimmed with silver, and Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Newton received in gowns of black lace trimmed with jet. Among the out-of-town guests were noticed Miss Whiting of Brooklyn, Miss Mauser of Montclair, Mr. Hais, Mr. Heibig, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Walbridge of New York, and A. V. Moore of Hackensack.

## Johnson-Leech.

Miss Rose Leech of this town and Edward Johnson of Newark were married at the parsonage of the First German Presbyterian Church, Orange, Wednesday night. The Rev. Herman C. Gruhnert officiated at the ceremony. Frederick Bell of Newark acted as best man and Miss Anna Johnson, a sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. The couple will reside in Newark.

## American Liberty, American Labor, and American Greatness.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir: In a press dispatch dated from Cripple Creek, Col., March 2, I read that in the defense of two strikers on trial for train-wrecking, a witness testified to the effect that the evidence upon which the State based the charge implicating the accused was procured by bribery, a price having been paid by detectives in the employ of the railroad.

In another dispatch from Tillitide, in the same State, I read that twenty-seven striking miners there had just been arrested by a detachment of the military and fined for no other crime than refusing to work. They were told that if they would "go to work" their fines would be suspended; that if they did not go to work in the mines they had left, or leave the town in which they were citizens, they would be rearrested and sent to jail.

I quote these most recent instances of "liberty" in "free" America to illustrate in a measure the platitude that Dr. R. S. MacArthur gave utterance to in this town on Monday night, when he talked feelingly of capital and labor as being "allies," and about foreign flags that came down to stay down, and of the American flag that goes up never to come down.

This latter Jingoistic sentiment passed current for patriotism, and was tumultuously applauded. Indeed, all that the reverend orator got off was well endorsed and frequently punctuated by applause. As a portrayal of American "greatness" and of American "diplomacy" the lecture was graphic, entertaining, irresistible. It took, it carried the audience by storm. Yet to me it seemed palpably sophistical, deplorably superficial in its mammothized conception of our progress and prosperity. Its glorifying, if not of war, of brute force through fear and ostentation of physical power, was certainly not in harmony with the teachings of the Prince of Peace.

The relentless, barbaric war of subjugation, compared with which the kind of war that General Sherman called "hell" is merciful—the war of extortion that Capitalism and Commercialism, under the protecting folds of the American flag, is now waging upon American labor—demoralizing in its every manifestation, and damnable in its tactics and methods of coercion—is it something to be proud of or to be ashamed of? I pause for a reply from some of those who loudest applauded the celebrated pulpit orator in Bloomfield the other night.

## Tax Appeals Dismissed.

The following tax appeals from this town were dismissed by the State Board of Taxation and the local Board of Assessors sustained: Estate of George W. Fornoff; Alexander Parson, four appeals; James Garabrat, four; John Hyde, three; S. J. Haines, Henry White, two; Martin Hummel, five; Sylvanus Cokelair, three; and Anna Forster. George Fisher's case, by recommendation of Clerk Gilbert of the Board of Assessors, was reduced \$1,100 on account of low ground. W. M. Brock was allowed a reduction of \$300 in one case and \$150 in another. Twenty-four out of twenty-seven cases were dismissed.

## Trolley Plans.

People in East Orange who are interested in having a new trolley line to Newark believe that when the traction company presents an application for a new line in Central avenue that it will be accompanied also by applications for the line down Springdale avenue, which is to be a continuation of the present south end trolley in Montclair, and also that an application will be made for a cross-town trolley. While no intimation has come to the officials of East Orange as to the plans of the company, it is known that agents have been at work for some time securing consents for these three routes.

## Collision with Furniture Van.

In the fog which prevailed Thursday afternoon an eastbound Montclair trolley car collided with a Brooklyn furniture van on the Bloomfield avenue hill in Glen Ridge, near Ridgewood avenue. The vehicle was wrecked, but the driver, Peter Lesser, escaped injury. The latter was on his way to Montclair with a load of furniture, and in getting out of the way of a westbound car, drove directly in the path of an eastbound one. During the excitement a second car came down the hill and crashed into the car ahead with such force as to drive it against the wrecked wagon and upset it. Travel was delayed half an hour by the accident.

## Borough Board of Health.

Glen Ridge borough taxpayers have not much to complain of in the way of expense for Board of Health maintenance. The annual report of the borough Board of Health just issued shows that the receipts of the board for the year from appropriation and all other sources was \$282.92, and the expenditures, including salaries, \$196.10, leaving an unexpended balance of \$86.82. Thirty-six cases of contagious sickness are reported for the year.

## New Tax Law Explained.

Tax Collector Frank Foster and Assessors Seymour P. Gilbert, Henry P. Dodd and Thomas Rawson attended a meeting of collectors and assessors from all over the county yesterday with the State Board of Taxation, at which the new tax law was expounded by the members of the State Board.

## To Build Reservoir.

At a meeting of the East Orange City Council last week the recommendation of the Water Committee that a plot of ground be bought at a point where the extended Wyoming avenue will meet Cedar lane was concurred in. This site will be used for the equalizing reservoir, which is to receive the water after it is pumped over the mountain, and which will run a long distance by gravity. In order to overcome the great pressure the reservoir will be established to break the flow. From the reservoir, which is 240 feet above tidewater, the water will be sent to the city by gravity. The pressure at the corner of Clinton and Main streets will be about eighty pounds. The capacity of the reservoir will be about 5,000,000 gallons, or two days' supply. The consideration was \$3,350.

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